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Best Kept Secret in Hamilton County!

"Wow, I didn't know this beautiful valley existed!" "I have lived in Hamilton County all my life and I didn't know Collegedale was so lovely!" "You know, this is the first time I have been in Collegedale. I thought this was all Ooltewah." These are comments I have heard over the 38 years that I have lived in Collegedale. It could lead me to believe that the city of Collegedale is one of the best kept secrets in Hamilton County!

Collegedale is picturesque, from the top of Grindstone Mountain to the pastures along Ooltewah Ringgold Road and Apison Pike; from busy Lee Highway to the serenity of the greenway. Such a setting is an ideal place to live and raise a family.

Recently I decided to explore the city streets. From Misty Valley and Robinson's Farm to Legacy Oaks, I found many attractive homes with appealing landscaped yards. There were a few areas that were not so attractive. Other major assets I observed are: McKee Baking Company's professionally landscaped grounds, Southern Adventist University's beautiful campus and new roundabout, the pleasant surroundings of Greenbrier Cove Retirement Center, Wolftever Greenway, the Veterans and Student parks, the various athletic fields, and the biology trail on White Oak Mountain.

These observations as a whole made me proud to live in Collegedale. As growth comes to the city, it is my hope that Collegedale residents continue to value the natural beauty that surrounds us.

When was the last time you really looked around your community? I challenge you to take a look about you to discover what is in your city.

-Commissioner Katie Lamb

City Hall will be closed September 6 in observation of Labor Day

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Collegedale is Getting an Off-Leash Dog Park!

Located at the east end of the Collegedale Greenway, just below the Nature Nook, Collegedale is incorporating an off-leash dog park into the activities available for the community at the Greenway. This will provide an opportunity for the members of the community to take their dogs and allow them to socialize with other dogs, off-leash, in a fenced in area that is safe.

The Collegedale Board of Commissioners, listening to the requests of the users of the Greenway donated the land for the park. The funds for the fence were provided by Hamilton County, lead by County Commissioner of District 9, Bill Hullander. This completed one of the many tasks he wanted to get done before leaving office to become Hamilton County Trustee. The fence was installed by a joint effort of Hamilton County and Collegedale Parks & Rec division. All funds for equipment inside the park will be provided by the community. LaDonna Kolling is spearheading the project of raising the money necessary for the equipment needed, which includes a water fountain, benches, rule signs, etc. Please visit www.collegedaledogpark.com to learn more.

The selected location provides both a nice shaded area and lots of mature trees for smells to linger for the next dog that comes along. Let's face it, the same old backyard with your own smells can become boring quickly to a dog. Tossing a tennis ball can be lots of fun because you never know if it's going to bounce off a tree and send your dog running in a different direction!

Veterinarian Brian Dickerson, Owner of Animal Medical Professionals in Collegedale said "Well exercised and socialized dogs are proven to be less likely to become neighborhood nuisances, bark excessively and destroy property. This park would be a wonderful addition to the Greenway, and the Collegedale/Ooltewah community." For the individual that has a dog with lots of energy and finds it difficult to control them on a walk on the Greenway, the dog park will be a great place to start. Allow the dog to "get his run on" and make your walk more enjoyable for both you and others utilizing the Greenway. Additionally, the dog park is a place for dog lovers to share ideas about dog training, dog behavior, pet activities and other dog friendly activities.

"We are hoping to raise enough funds to place benches outside the dog park as well. If you have not had the opportunity to watch dogs play off-leash together, it can be a very fun experience. Dogs are very entertaining" says LaDonna.

As the park gets closer to being ready to open, a Grand Opening date will be selected in which everyone is invited to. Once opened, the dog park will be open from sunrise to sunset.

-LaDonna Kolling

Recycling Hours

Sun, Tue and Fri 1-4 and Wed 8-6